

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a notification to a preferred communication device of ~~a user, the user having~~ a plurality of communication devices associated with a user, wherein each having a communication channel of the communication devices can be designated as the preferred communication device, the method comprising:

~~receiving information on a communication device, the information indicating incoming data for the communication device;~~

receiving, at a server, a notification from one of the communication ~~device at a server~~ devices indicating that incoming data has been received at the one communication device; and

transmitting the received notification to the ~~user's~~ preferred communication device.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein transmitting the notification to the ~~user's~~ preferred communication device comprises storing the notification in a database if the preferred communication device cannot receive the notification.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
selecting the preferred communication device from among the plurality of  
communication devices.
4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving, at the server, a [[user]] selection, ~~on the communication device made~~  
by the user, of a time period during which notifications are to be transmitted to the  
preferred communication device.
5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving, at the server, a [[user]] selection, ~~on the communication device made~~  
by the user, of ~~a device~~ another one of the communication devices for which notifications  
are to be transmitted to the preferred communication device.
6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving, at the server, a [[user]] selection, ~~on the communication device made~~  
by the user, of one or more calling parties from which notifications are to be transmitted  
to the preferred communication device.
7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein receiving ~~a user~~ the  
selection ~~on the communication device of calling parties comprises using~~ is based on a

calendar function for providing date specific notifications.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving, at the server, a [[user]] selection, on the communication device made  
by the user, of [[a]] the preferred communication device for receiving notifications based  
on the time of day or a calling party.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the notification is a SMS  
message.

10. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing a notification to a  
preferred communication device of ~~a user, the user having~~ a plurality of communication  
devices which may be used by a user to initiate and receive communications each having  
~~a communication channel~~, the apparatus comprising:

~~a communication device for receiving information indicating incoming data to~~  
~~one of a plurality of devices of the user, the data being in the form of one of a plurality of~~  
~~data types; and~~

a server ~~for receiving~~ configured to:

receive a notification from one of the communication device devices  
indicating that incoming data has been received at the one communication device; and

~~for transmitting~~ transmit the notification to the ~~user's~~ preferred communication device, the notification including an identification of the type of the incoming data.

11. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising:  
a database ~~for selecting~~ configured to select calling parties from which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred communication device.

12. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the database indicates times during which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred communication device.

13. (currently amended) A method for providing a notification to a preferred communication device of a user, ~~the user having~~ a plurality of communication devices ~~each having a communication channel~~ associated with a user, the method comprising:  
receiving, at a network device, information ~~[[on a]]~~ from a non-preferred one of the communication device ~~devices~~ indicating a call has been received from a calling party ~~calling one of the plurality of devices~~ at the non-preferred communication device and identifying the preferred communication device;  
generating a notification corresponding to the received information; and

transmitting the notification from the ~~communication~~ network device to the identified preferred communication device ~~to display a real-time notification.~~

14. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing a notification to a preferred communication device of ~~a user, the user having~~ a plurality of communication devices ~~each having a communication channel~~ associated with a user, the apparatus comprising:

~~a communication device for receiving or generating data, the information being in the form of one of a plurality of data types; and~~

a server ~~for receiving the~~ configured to:

receive data from a non-preferred one of the communication device  
devices indicating a call received at the non-preferred communication device and  
identifying the preferred communication device; and

~~for transmitting~~ transmit the data to the user's preferred communication device.